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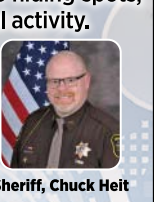

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Niles' Robert Tharp wins second straight Cass County Youth Dairy Show

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Robert Tharp of Niles took home Champion Showman honors at Monday's Cass County Fair Youth Dairy Show.

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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CASSOPOLIS — Robert Tharp made himself right at home in the Cass County Fair Youth Dairy Show ring Monday morning.

For the second straight fair, the Niles native took home Champion Showman honors at Monday's Cass County Fair Youth Dairy Show. His sister, Faith, was named Reserve Grand Champion.

"It feels really good," Tharp said. "I was really nervous because my younger sister was right behind me and I thought for sure she's gonna beat me."

Tharp has been showing in the fair since he was eight years old and will attend Lake Michigan College this fall to pursue welding. He has been working with his dairy cow, Belle, for seven years and was last year's Reserve Grand Champion in Showmanship Sweepstakes.

This year, he is hoping to come out on top.

"When I first started, it was a rough process," he said. "But then after she got the hang of it, it was super easy. You work with her consistently weekly and sometimes daily. As you get closer to fair and then when you get in the ring, it's really about just being calm and confident in everything you do."

Above all else, Tharp enjoyed being part of the fair festivities once again.

"I love the community," he said. "The people you meet and learning how to show other animals and the temperament of different kinds of animals is a great experience."

Berrien RESA appoints Jarpe to Brandywine school board

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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BERRIEN SPRINGS — Retired Brandywine Superintendent John Jarpe will get his seat on the Brandywine Board of Education sooner rather than later after the Berrien RESA Board of Education appointed him Tuesday to fill a five month vacancy on the Brandywine board.

Barring someone running and winning a write-in campaign for the open two year seat on the board this November, Jarpe was already scheduled to be elected to the board in November as he was the only person to meet last week's school board filing deadline for the open two-year partial term.

Jarpe and two other local residents were interviewed Tuesday by the RESA board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of board member Angela Seastrom in June. Brandywine board members interviewed four people for the vacancy earlier in July but deadlocked over picking anyone.

The others interviewed Tuesday were Ryan Candler and Shannon Daniels. They also interviewed before the Brandywine board in early July and have filed to run for one of the three four-year seats up for election this November.

In all, five people have filed to run for the three four-year board seats including incumbents Jessica Crouch and Holly Pomranka and challenger Jeremy Colby, the fourth person interviewed by the Brandywine board in early July. Incumbent board member Brian Burge is not seeking re-election.

Tuesday's RESA interviews featured all three answering a series of questions from the RESA board including telling about their background, leadership experience, how they handled a difficult situation and the biggest challenge facing education. Candler served in the military and works as a mechanic. Daniels works in special education.

Jarpe

Jarpe noted that he started his education career teaching at Catholic schools in Detroit and Southwest Michigan before taking a teaching job at Brandywine. He then spent 19 years as an assistant principal and principal in St. Joseph before coming back to be the Brandywine superintendent for 10 years before he retired in 2017.

"I think I have something to offer the board and the district," he said. "Ordinarily I wouldn't recommend that a retired superintendent should serve on a school board but these are not ordinary times at Brandywine."

"There has been some division on the board that has improved but there is friction between the board and the staff," he added. "I have experience working with people and I think I do have the ability to get in there and help. I also want to give something back to the district I still love and with my experience in education, there will be no learning curve."

He said that one of the biggest challenges facing public education is chronic

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BUCKTOWN PRIDE

Friends, families support Hannah Roberts with Olympics watch party

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — Hundreds gathered at the Common in Buchanan Wednesday to watch the city's hometown hero on the world's biggest stage.

Donning "Team Roberts" shirts and waving American flags, community members rallied to see Hannah Roberts compete in the BMX Freestyle event in the 2024 Paris Olympics. While Roberts ultimately did not earn a medal, those in attendance were both excited and proud to see Roberts shining in Paris.

"It's great to see so much support from the community for Hannah," said Buchanan Mayor

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Niles Summer Concert Series will not return in 2025

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NILES — A popular concert series that has delighted crowds in downtown Niles will soon be coming to an end for good.

Niles Music and More, a nonprofit organization dedicated to granting local artists exposure and bringing entertainment to Niles Riverfront Park, has announced that its annual summer concert series will not return in 2025.

"It was not an easy decision," said Niles Music and More founder and Executive Director Caryn Adler.

The concert series will conclude following the Sept. 8 performance of acapella group Luminos and the nonprofit will be dissolved at the conclusion of the tax year. The Niles Summer Concert Series was

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"Why is no candidate speaking about health care costs totally out of control. Health care should not be considered a luxury. Shame on us for having a health care GDP of 20%."

"I can't wait until 51 is finally back to normal road driving. It's really hurt many businesses."

"Do pick-up trucks have the right-of-way on Hwy 12? Just curious because they seem to be riding my bumper every morning. I guess 60 MPH just isn't fast enough for them. Men with big trucks must have little .... patience."

"What's replacing Rite-Aid in Niles?"

"If you missed Dowagiac's Summer Festival, you missed a ton of fun. Downtown Dowagiac never smelled better with all that BBQ. What a wonderful time for everyone. Thank you for allowing this in our town."

"Frankly! Enough with the politics ... Politicians don't care about us. Why should we care about them?"

"I guess I'm the grumpy old man who thought the Olympic opening missed its mark with the world. Why do we need to celebrate what gender we sleep with or identify with? Can't we just be people without labels and put into our own ID cubicles?"

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CRUISIN' FOR A CAUSE

Annual Burn Run rolls through Niles, Dowagiac

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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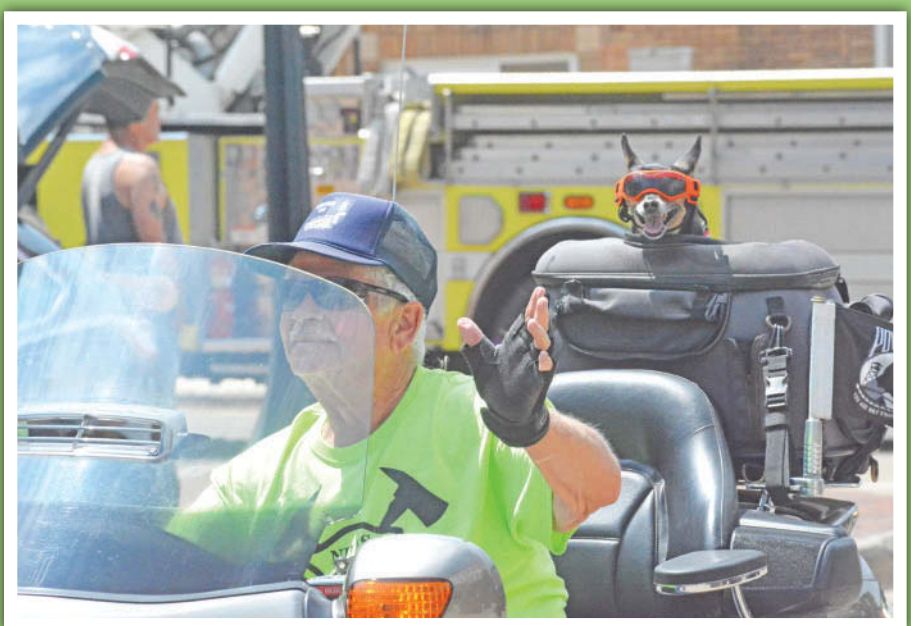
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN — Hundreds of motorcycles put the pedal to the metal for a cause this past weekend.

The 23rd annual Niles Burn Run kicked off Saturday morning in Niles' Riverfront Park and culminated in a 50-mile ride through Berrien and Cass Counties on Sunday.

A number of vendors were on hand for the event as were family activities. A concert and a car, bike and truck show also took place.

Founded in 2001, the Niles Burn Run is a 501C 3 charity run by volunteers with the mission of helping to fund the Great Lakes Burn Camp. All money raised at the event goes directly to the Great Lakes Burn Camp, which hosts summer and winter sleep-away camps for kids who have sustained burn injuries. Because of groups like the Niles Burn Run, children can attend this camp for free at no cost to families.



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Annual Ed's Open Header Cruise rides through Dowagiac

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DOWAGIAC — The revving of engines and the screeching of tires could be heard throughout downtown as the eighth annual Ed's Open Header "Cruise for a Cause" rolled into Dowagiac Thursday, July 25.

A record number of vehicles participated in this year's event, with nearly $9,000 raised in total between the procession and a raffle facilitated by Honor Credit Union, also a record.

To date, more than $52,000 in Open Header funds have been raised for Cass County Cancer Service, a volunteer-run organization that provides support for those undergoing cancer treatment, from helping patients pay for gas to get them to and from treatments to rides to doctor's appointments and more.

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"All of the money that is raised stays in Cass County," said Ray Klomes of the CCCS. "People have to decide if they can go for a treatment or not. So with our help, they're able to actually put gas in the car and make it for their treatments. We do hospital beds, we do all kinds of stuff but the main thing is the gas cards. Because of people donating to the cancer service, we're probably able to help two or three hundred people a year and we appreciate it."

The annual event is named in honor of Ed Kazlauskas, who along with event organizer Curt Rodhy, helped organize the Dowagiac Car Show downtown for 16 years. When the duo passed the organizing to someone else, they discussed planning an

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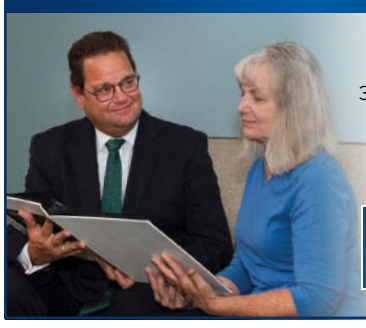

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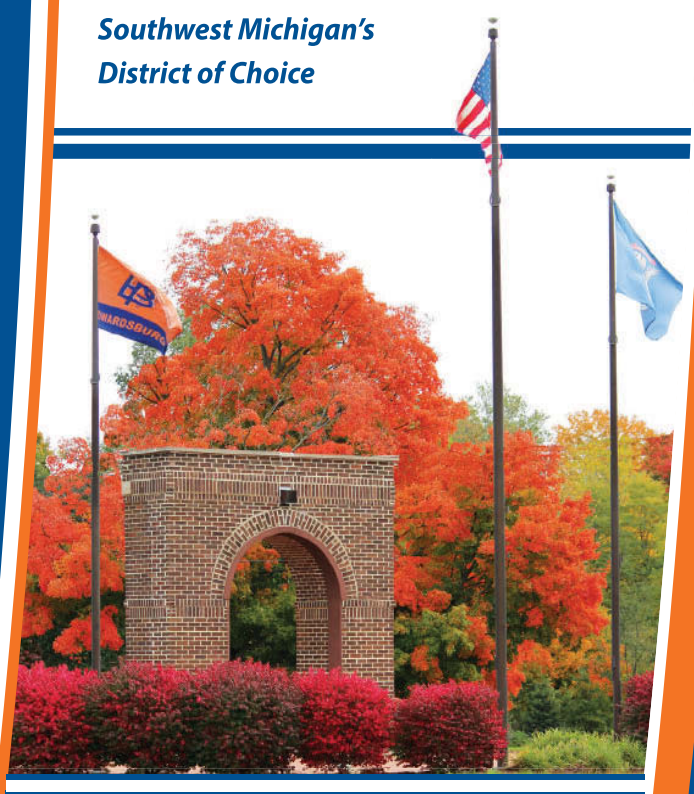

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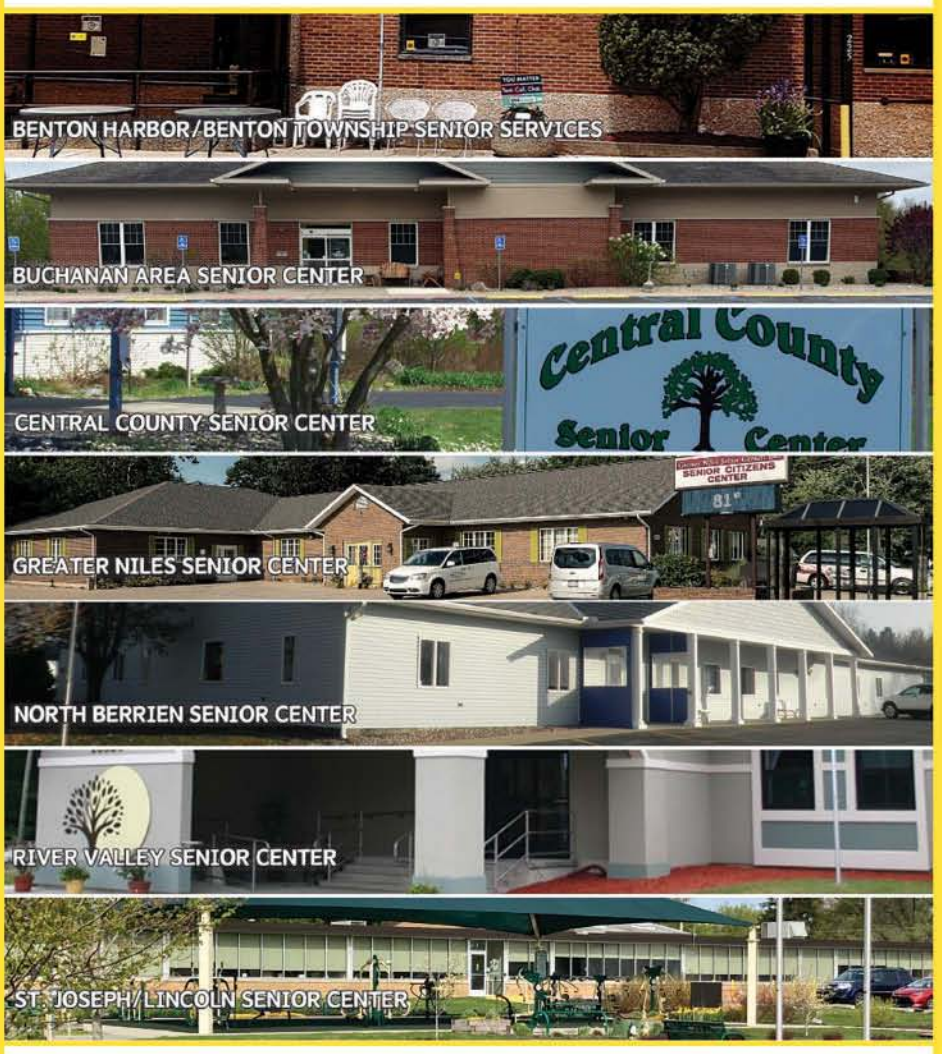
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Buchanan commissioners discuss LiveBuchanan support

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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BUCHANAN — Buchanan City Commissioners appear to be getting closer to giving financial support to the LiveBuchanan economic development organization, although questions remain about exactly how much money will be provided as well as whether the now-defunct Downtown Development Authority will be revived.

Commissioners first debated support for LiveBuchanan to join the Michigan Main Street Program last week and held a special meeting Monday to continue the discussion. Although the goal had been to vote on the LiveBuchanan-Michigan Main Street proposals Monday, commissioners had too many questions and agreed to put off action until Aug. 26.

Commissioners specifically want more specifics from LiveBuchanan including a budget detailing how the organization will spend the city's money-whether it's $56,000 a year for five years or a lesser amount. They want accountability and transparency from LiveBuchanan which is a non-profit but not a government entity.

Main Street Manager Ashley Regal said Michigan Main Street requires a five year commitment from the local government, a full time manager and money set aside for training. She backtracked from the Aug. 31 deadline to apply, saying the state had just changed its application rules and wouldn't make the city wait three years to apply again.

Commissioner Dan Vigansky remained skeptical. He said LiveBuchanan does not have open meetings and that the proposed contract was too loose. "I want the DDA back," he said. "Nobody is squawking that LiveBuchanan is crooked, but they're not open and I question where the money is going."

Commissioner Mark Weedon tried to move both the LiveBuchanan and DDA proposals forward. He acknowledged that he was one of those disbanding the DDA in 2020 but stressed the importance of moving forward. He suggested approving the LiveBuchanan resolutions while starting the process of bringing back the DDA.

With over $200,000 already set aside in this year's budget for economic development, Weedon said that any funds given to LiveBuchanan wouldn't be requiring any additional taxpayer dollars. He and other commissioners said that part of the money would be used to augment Regal's current $55,276 salary to handle her Main Street duties.

Commissioners ended up postponing action until Aug. 26. They want a more detailed contract proposal from LiveBuchanan including a budget showing what the money will be spent on. They talked about giving less than $56,000 a year and requiring LiveBuchanan to report quarterly to the commission and provide accountability.

In addition to the debate among commissioners, audience members spoke both for and against the LiveBuchanan organization and reviving the DDA. Written comments were also received and unlike last week, most were from LiveBuchanan supporters.

Downtown business owner Tom Jolly said he hadn't heard a clear explanation of where the money will be going if the city provides financial support to LiveBuchanan.

He also was critical of LiveBuchanan and some of its projects like the new small business incubator. "I've seen vendors pull out to where there's only one vendor left," he said. "I wouldn't say that's a success."

LiveBuchanan board member Michael Rowland disagreed. He said having businesses leave the incubator is a sign of success and shows it's fulfilling its purpose. He said there has been miscommunications circulating in the community about what LiveBuchanan is doing.

Former business owner Tracy Dippo also spoke in favor of LiveBuchanan. "This board is full of positive, hardworking folks," she said. "They've completed the task of becoming a Main Street community. They have a long list of accomplishments already."

Downtown business owner Jeffrey Antisdel had a different take on the situation. Like Jolly, he was concerned about the lack of checks and balances with the LiveBuchanan proposal. "The commission has a duty to spend taxpayer money wisely," he said. "It would be in the best interests of taxpayers to have more control and have other business owners have more input."

He was among those who said reconstituting the DDA would be of value although it might be years before a new DDA could accumulate the level of funds it had when it was disbanded-a figure as high as $300,000 or more. The downtown property value baseline for the DDA's tax increment financing would go from today's values and not those of the past.

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Red Chuck Productions to host 'State of The Unity' event at Vickers Theater

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NILES — A local storyteller is gearing up for an event he hopes will spread the message of unity to the community.

Justin Flagel of Red Chuck Productions is teaming with Vicker's Theater, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks to host independent folk rock duo The Bergamot for an exclusive screening of the duo's film "State of the Unity" at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. The film follows The Bergamot, a band with roots in South Bend, as they traveled to all 50 states as part of their State of The Unity Tour in 2016, where they invited people to sign their message of unity on their car.

"We're working on getting the car to the front of the Vickers Theater," Flagel said. "Hopefully, it's gonna be sitting right there in front of Vickers."

Following the screening, The Bergamot members Nathaniel Paul Hoff and Jillian Speece will do a special Q&A session with Flagel. The event will also feature a special acoustic performance of two songs from the original motion picture soundtrack. The Bergamot will also be performing a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Tickets can be purchased online at vickerstheatre.com.

Flagel is the founder of Red Chuck Productions, where he writes, tells stories, and creates new media. A multimedia journalist with roots in the local culture and music scene, Flagel said the event came to be after collaborating on projects with both the Vickers Theater and The Bergamot.

"I got to know the owner Zach Hackett and we have very similar views on the local culture and music scene and the potential here," Flagel said.

Flagel added that the event presents an opportunity for the community to come together and spread the message of unity.

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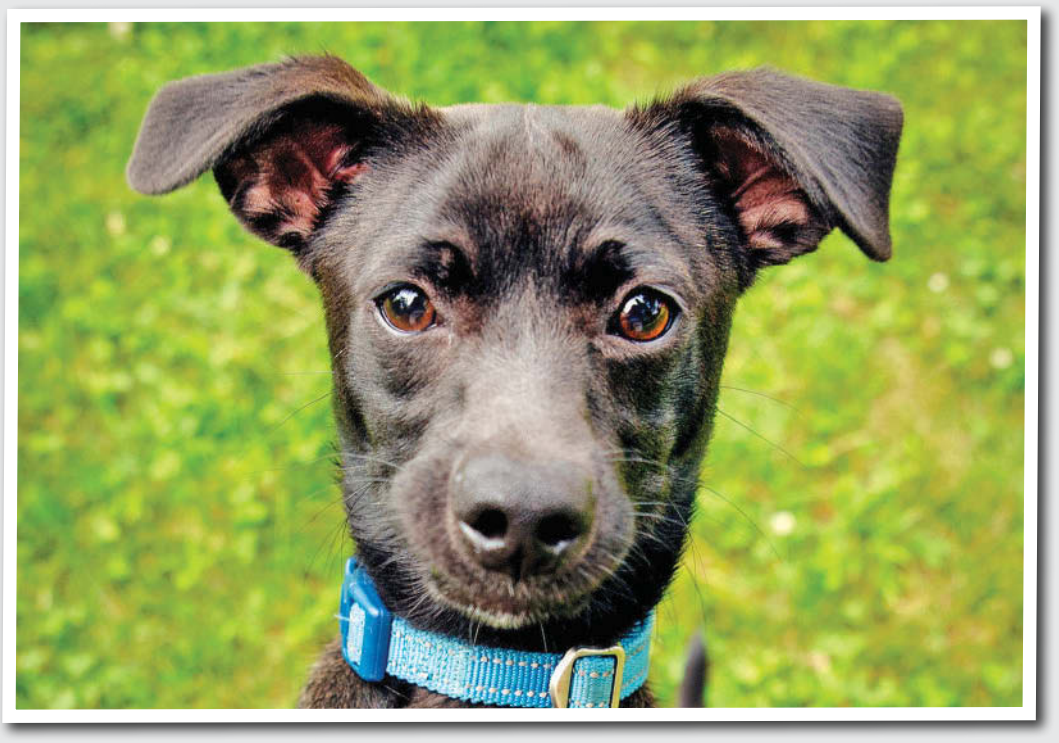

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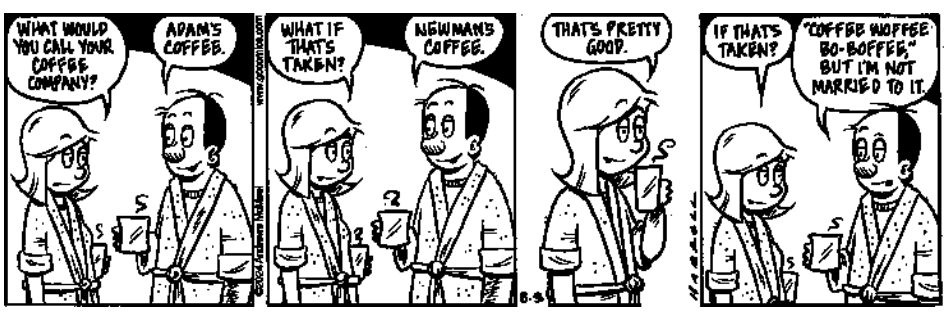
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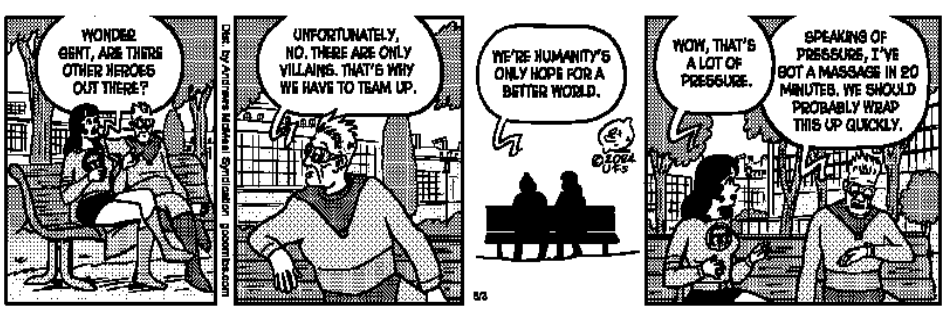
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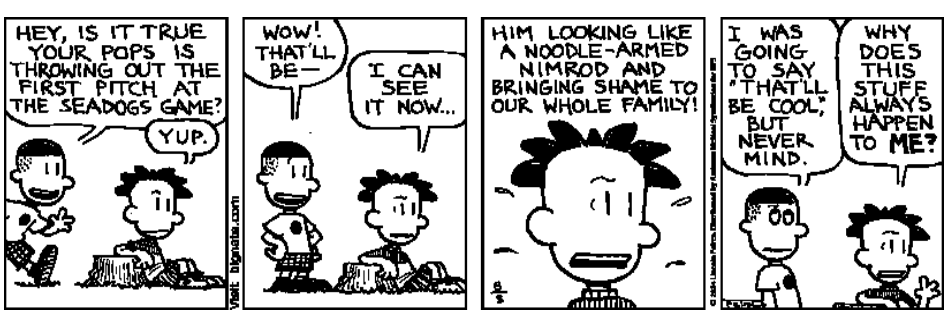
UNFORTUNATELY, NO. THERE ARE ONLY VILLAINS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO TEAM UP.
WE'RE HUMANITY'S ONLY HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD.
WOW, THAT'S A LOT OF PRESSURE.
SPEAKING OF PRESSURE, I'VE GOT A MASSAGE IN 20 MINUTES. WE SHOULD PROBABLY WRAP THIS UP QUICKLY.

ARLO & JANIS

BIG NATE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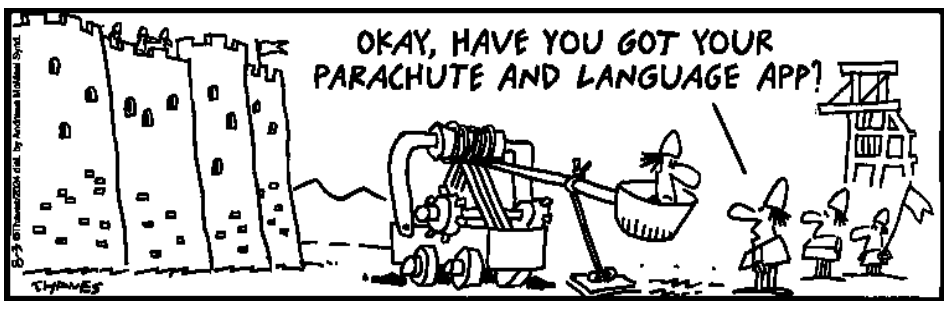
YUP.
WOW! THAT'LL BE—
I CAN SEE IT NOW...
HIM LOOKING LIKE A NOODLE-ARMED NIMROD AND BRINGING SHAME TO OUR WHOLE FAMILY!
I WAS GOING TO SAY "THAT'LL BE COOL," BUT NEVER MIND.
WHY DOES THIS STUFF ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?

BORN LOSER

WHEN I WAS A KID, I HAD A DOG THAT CHASED EVERY RABBIT IT SAW!
WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT WITH KEWPIE...
HE'S EVEN AFRAID OF DUST BUNNIES!

FRANK & ERNEST



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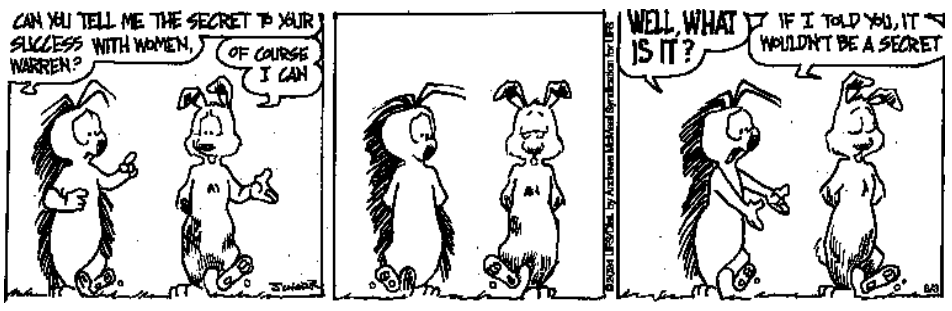
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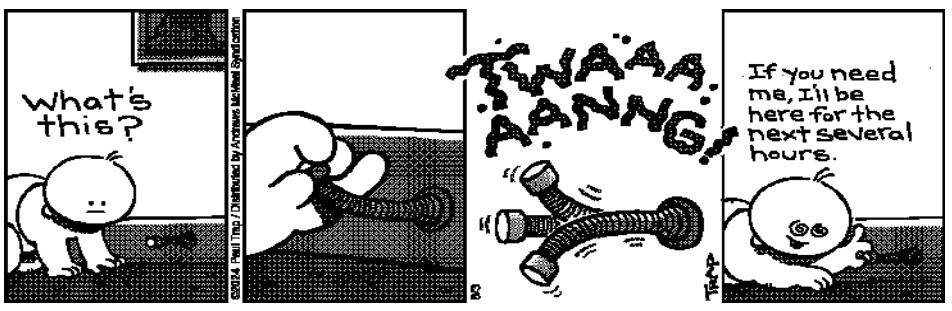
OF COURSE I CAN
WELL, WHAT IS IT?
IF I TOLD YOU, IT WOULDN'T BE A SECRET

THATABABY



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16 Long river
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20 Baby
22 Gratuity
23 — and cry
24 Trustworthy
27 Wave top
31 Grow weary
32 Chopped food
34 "— Were Always on My Mind"
35 Catchall abbr.
36 "Jane —"
37 Eastern European
38 Pallid
40 Read
42 Say further
44 Kitchen discard
45 Few and far between
48 Sound system
51 Bugle
52 Dad
54 Clumsy boat
55 Formerly
56 Drop
57 Actress — Lupino
58 Pome fruit
59 Fork park
60 Certain vote

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7 Parasite
8 Hook and —
9 On in years
10 Window part
11 Perforation
19 Top-notch
21 "That stings!"
24 Chart-toppers
25 Bashful
26 Field cover
28 Reader's tiredness
29 Achy
30 Margarine container
31 Oolong, for one
33 Understand
36 Distant regions
37 "Of course!"
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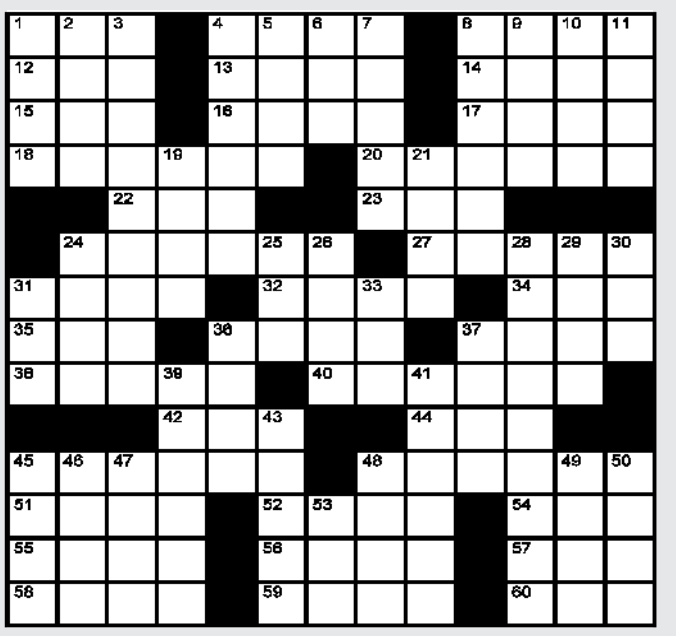

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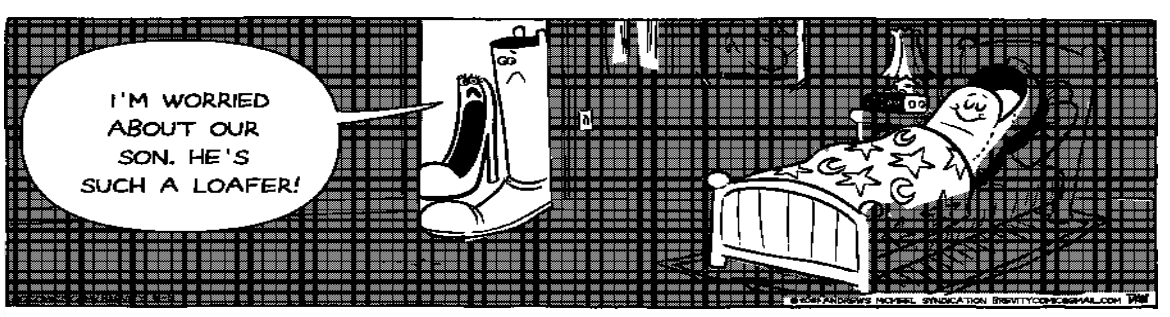

HEART OF THE CITY

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M FINALLY TURNING TWELVE!! I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN ELEVEN FOREVER!
AND IT'S MY LAST YEAR BEFORE I BECOME A TEENAGER! EVERYTHING IS GONNA CHANGE!
IT'S TRUE. WHEN CELESTE TURNED THIRTEEN, SHE DEFINITELY BECAME MORE EVIL.
I WOULD BE OFFENDED, BUT YOU'RE NOT WRONG.

DEATH NOTICES

Freda Iverson, 82, passed away July 29, 2024. Memorial services will be Aug. 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at Village Seventh-day Adventist Church at 635 St. Joseph Ave., Berrien Springs. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Marylou Grathwohl, 93, of Notre Dame, formerly of Niles, passed Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Shannon Herman Lewis, 46, of Niles, died Friday, July 26, 2024. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan.

Hugh Harris, 85, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024, in South Bend, Indiana. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Karen S. Laws, 56, of Vandalia, died Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Arrangements are being made by Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, of Cassopolis.

Lisa Allen, 57, of South Bend, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Dorothy J. Sachjen, 87, of Niles, died Monday, July 29, 2024. Arrangements are being made by Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, of Cassopolis.

Joseph E. Chorba Jr., 71, passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024, in Dowagiac, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Fred Leo Webster, 74, passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024. In Dowagiac, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

JoAnn Widerquist, 93, of Notre Dave, formerly of Cassopolis, died Friday, July 26, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Michael A. Irvine, Jr., 54, of Mishawaka, died Saturday, July 20, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Nina Hanner, 66, of Cassopolis, died Friday, July 26, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Edward Burns, 63, of Buchanan, died Tuesday, July, 23, 2024. Services were entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, MI.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Morlan

Jan. 13, 1935-July 23, 2024

Shirley Mae Morlan, age 89, of Marcellus, Michigan, passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in South Bend, Indiana July 23, 2024 after a year-long battle with congestive heart failure.

She was born Jan. 13, 1935, the youngest of five children born to Arthur and Eldora (Mann) Reigle.

Shirley graduated from Marcellus Rural Agricultural High School in 1953. On June 14, 1956, she married Max "Russ" Morlan who preceded her in death in 2015. Shirley retired from the Marcellus Community Schools in 1995 after 28 years of service as secretary to elementary and middle school principals. She was also employed at different times at the G.W. Jones Bank. She appreciated the friendship of her co-workers and enjoyed entertaining them at her home.

Other than a brief time in New Jersey while Russ was in the military, Shirley lived her life in Marcellus.

She was a very good baker. Chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal, snickerdoodle, and raisin filled cookies, cherry and strawberry rhubarb pie were a few of her delicious creations. One benefit of her employment with the school, from her children's point of view, she was one of the first on the list to know when school was closed due to snow. Those mornings would bring her homemade cinnamon rolls hot out of the oven.

Shirley enjoyed embroidery, bird watching, reading, and traveling. Travel was mostly by car or bus trips as Russ did not want to fly. She attended Marcellus United Methodist Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother Mae Reigle; siblings, Norman Reigle, Lavern Reigle, Mable Gilbert, Lucille Reigle; and step-brothers Arthur Bradley and Dale Bradley.

Shirley will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by two daughters, Martha (Bob) Perkins of South Bend, Indiana and Mary Morlan (Ernie Noel) of Marcellus, Michigan; one son, William (Laurie) Morlan of Granger, Indiana; one granddaughter, Holly (Chris) Nilsen of West Lafayette Indiana; as well as nieces, nephews, and numerous cousins from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

Family and friends will gather Monday, July 29, 2024 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 12 Noon in Marcellus United Methodist Church, 197 West Main Street, Marcellus, with Pastor Andy Abrams officiating. Shirley will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in Bly Cemetery in Marcellus.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Shirley be made to either Marcellus United Methodist Church, 197 West Main Street, Marcellus, Michigan 49067, or the Marcellus Fire Department, 177 East Main Street, Marcellus, Michigan 49067.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com

Lillian L. Owen

March 31, 1939-July 24, 2024

Lillian Leone Owen, 85, of Union, died peacefully Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

Her life began March 31, 1939 in Dowagiac, Michigan, the oldest of five children born to Frank and Pauline Owen.

Lillian was fiercely independent and a very selfless person. She would do just about anything for anyone in need. She loved the outdoors and would spending time gardening. She enjoyed sitting outside taking everything in. Lillian cherished animals, especially her Siamese cat, Sassy, and her dog, Jack.

Lillian will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by son, Craig Owen of Union: one sister, Betty (George) Hall of Dowagiac; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Andrew Owen, Wayne Owen, and David Owen.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, Aug.3, 2024 at 1 p.m. for a memorial service in Dowagiac Missionary Baptist Church, 54970 M-51 North, Dowagiac, Michigan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com

Dorothy J. Sachjen

Feb. 12, 1937-July 29, 2024

Dorothy Janice Sachjen, 87, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Monday, July 29, 2024, in the comfort of her family's presence.

Her life began Feb. 22, 1939, in Bentley Corners, Michigan, the oldest of five children born to John and Irene Beyers. She married John Wilkie Sachjen Sept. 10, 1955, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. After sixty-three years of marriage, he preceded her in death Dec.24, 2018.

Dorothy cherished her family and they were her joy. She was an awesome cook and baker. She enjoyed crocheting, taking care of kids, camping with John, and barbeques. She was a charter member of Creekside Missionary Church in Dowagiac and loved attending.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by four daughters,

Rhonda Jean (Timothy) Oletti of Cary, North Carolina, Delores (Patrick) Hacker of Decatur,

Laurie (Edward) Childs of Dowagiac, Kim Sachjen of Michigan; one son, Timothy (Dawn) Sachjen of Edwardsburg; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Joseph Sachjen; one granddaughter, Cami Hemminger; two sisters, Irene Beyers, Mary Beyers, Sharon Warner; and one brother, Tommy Beyers.

Family and friends will gather Friday, Aug. 2, 2024 from noon until time of service at

1 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis.

Dorothy will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

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Niles volleyball coach resigns following DUI arrest

STAFF REPORT

NILES — Niles High School volleyball coach Samantha Zimmerman has resigned following a July 10 drunk driving arrest.

Zimmerman, 34, faces a pretrial conference next Monday in Kalamazoo County on drunk driving charges. She had been the varsity volleyball coach since 2022 and was a first grade teacher at Howard-Ellis Elementary School. She is no longer an employee of the school district.

According to Kalamazoo County court records, Zimmerman was arrested July 10 by Michigan Department of Natural Resources officers on two misdemeanor charges: operating with a blood alcohol level of .17 or more and operating while impaired by liquor.

She was arraigned on the two charges on July 18, pleaded not guilty and was released on $500 personal recognizance bond. Her next court date is Aug. 5 in Kalamazoo. Her attorney is Jessica LaFond of Kalamazoo.

According to published reports, Zimmerman was driving a vehicle that day filled with five Niles High School students to a volleyball match at Gull Lake High School near Kalamazoo. Her car went off the road and into a ditch. She allegedly failed field sobriety tests.

The students obtained a ride to Gull Lake from others and were not at the scene when officers arrived.

CONCERT

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founded in 2018 to fill the void of musical events at Riverfront Park and Niles Music and More formed as a nonprofit in 2019, opening access to grants and more. Adler said the primary reason the series will not return is because its goals to provide free family-friendly entertainment and promote local bands have largely been accomplished.

"There's a lot of music stuff springing up in Niles," she said. "We have Souldier and the Groove Music School and we have the Underground Laugh Lounge's outdoor patio for music. Some indoor venues have live music and the festivals are back with three days, four days of music sometimes. Looking back, I just realize that we've accomplished all the goals that we set out in the very beginning."

Adler said each summer concert acts as a fundraiser for other nonprofits located in the 49120 zip code, with each band choosing a Niles nonprofit to share the billing slot with. Adler has a list of active 501c3 nonprofits from the area, ranging from focus on the arts to children in need, to seniors and healthcare. According to Adler, the concert series has raised more than $35,000.

"Our vision was to improve the lives of people in Niles," she said. "We could do it easier as a group coming together than one person trying to raise money for each of those. The bands love it because they love being a part of improving the quality of life for people in Niles and so they really get behind that."

Adler has shepherded the nonprofit and its concert series from the beginning and acknowledged the work it takes to keep it afloat.

"There's so much work to do behind the scenes. It's not just sitting there in my rocking chair listening to good music," said Niles Music and More founder Caryn Adler. "I lug everything around in my car. I have a room in my house that has a thousand ornaments stored in there. As much as I loved it and the people loved it, I know I'm letting down people that come regularly and couldn't afford to go to Katmandu concerts. I really am hoping that someone sees the value in doing this and brings in a younger generation, which was our goal."

One of the highlights of the series took place Saturday, July 27 with the Katmandu concert. Bolstered by the annual Burn Run taking place in town, the concert drew more than 5,500 people.

"It was just so amazing," Adler said. "I thought, 'what a way to go out.'"

With five concerts remaining on the schedule, Adler looks forward to making more memories and hopes the community will turn out for good music for good causes.

"You look at national news, political news, world news and it's kind of a downer," she said. "I want people to have a couple hours where they can get away and forget all that stuff and they sit on the river and they may bring something to eat and they meet up with friends and escape, a wonderful relaxing escape to be able to come to the concert."

The remainder of the 2024 Summer Concert Series schedule is as follows. All concerts begin at 6 p.m.:

Sunday, Aug. 11 – Lake Effect Jazz Big Band (Jazz)

Sunday, Aug. 18 – Zane's Way (Baby boomer oldies, 60s and 70s)

Sunday, Aug. 25 – Tim Dudley (Elvis Tribute Hall of Fame Artist)

Sunday, Sept. 1 – PT and The Cruisers (Blues based rock, Classic oldies)

Sunday, Sept. 8 – Luminos (Acapella)

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JARPE

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absenteeism of students. "The pandemic aside, we have increasing numbers of chronic absenteeism," he said. "We need to find a way to get kids consistently in school. The lesson we learned during the pandemic is that kids can get lost."

Jarpe was not asked and did not talk about his recent recall effort against three Brandywine school board members. His recall language ended up being thrown out by the Berrien County Election Commission over clarity issues.

Jarpe did say after the meeting that he believes he can work with the current board even though he has criticized the three he tried to recall periodically over the year and a half since they took their seats. "I think we can get past all of that," he said. "I'm a team player and we are all working for the benefit of the kids."

A poll of RESA board members before the formal vote appointing Jarpe had him as the first choice for four of five board members. All of the RESA board members thanked the other two candidates and urged them to stay involved and to run again for the Brandywine board.

RESA Board Vice-President Andrew Robinson said board members chose Jarpe because of his level of experience in education. "Having a Master Yoda at the table will help," he said. "He has the ability to be a bridge builder."

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PRIDE

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Sean Denison. "Win or lose, she still got to show her talent off on a world stage and we couldn't be more proud."

"This is a really tough sport," said watch party attendee Barbara Pitcher. "She came in mentally and physically strong and you could hear even the announcers there, she's the best in the world and they thought she had it, we all did. We were all hoping it happens but we'll see her in L.A."

Richard Hoppe, a family friend of the Roberts' and owner of Slam City Skate Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was on hand to provide insight for attendees and support Roberts. While he was disappointed for Roberts, he was both proud of her and encouraged to see the community's support.

"The community here has always been action sports friendly," he said. "I love coming up here spending time with everybody and I think everyone felt the same thing."

Roberts began riding at age 9, following in the footsteps of her cousin Brett Banasiewicz. She graduated from Buchanan High School in 2019 and has mentored many young riders. Everyone in attendance was proud of Roberts for being a shining example of the community while also looking forward to watching her in future competitions.

"It's just really exciting to have somebody that is local that people know and is a real connection to the Olympics," Pitcher said.

"I think it's a great message to the rest of our young people that it doesn't matter where you come from, you can do great things," Denison said. "We're really proud of the fact that she made her second Olympics and I know that I've heard her say she wants to go to four. We have Los Angeles to look forward to in four years. We'll be doing this again."

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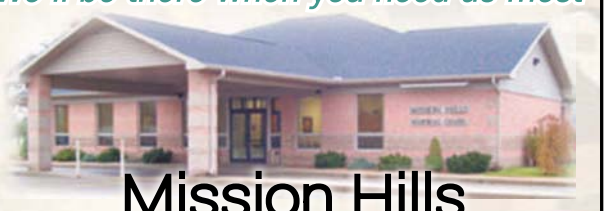
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Buchanan's Roberts misses podium in France

STAFF REPORT

PARIS — Hannah Roberts' bid for an Olympic medal came up short Wednesday in Paris, France.

The 22-year-old Buchanan native, a five-time World Champion aiming to win gold in BMX Freestyle at the Paris Olympics following a silver medal performance in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, fell short of an Olympic medal Wednesday. Deng Yawen of China won gold with a score of 92.6 and American Perris Benegas earned a Silver medal with 90.70 while Natalya Diehm of Australia earned Bronze with 88.80.

The top qualifier entering Wednesday, Roberts started her first run strong but was unable to land her final front flip and finished with a score of 70.00. Needing to best Yawen's score of 92.6 in her second run to win gold, Roberts final run ended in seconds after she was not able to cleanly land her first jump and put her foot down on a landing.

"To have that run cut short, that second one was just tough," said Rich Hoppe, family friend and owner of Slam City Skate Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana. "Just tapping a tool on this level of competition ends it for you. It was tough to have her come out without a metal or anything; it's really difficult to process right now but I think overall the showing we had here was incredible for 7 a.m. and it's a scorching hot day already. Everyone has come out and everyone's stoked and I think everyone is still a massive Hannah Roberts fan."

Roberts began riding at age 9, following in the footsteps of her cousin Brett Banasiewicz. She graduated from Buchanan High School in 2019 and has mentored many young riders. According to Hoppe, Roberts' exploits have grown the sport worldwide.

"The Chinese riders were not here three years ago," he said. "They've come to this level in that short of time and that's because of Hannah, so if that doesn't say something I can't tell you what does. "She's going to continue to pioneer and push the sport."

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Buchanan's Hannah Roberts fell on her first run and then did not complete her second run either in the BMX Freestyle Park finals at the Paris Olympics.

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Frank LaPorte captured the Championship Flight of the 2024 Niles City Golf Tournament at Plym Park Sunday afternoon. LaPorte shot 147 to defeat Josh Townsley by four strokes.

LaPorte wins city title

By SCOTT NOVAK
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NILES — Brandon Rasler moved up a flight, but the result was the same as last year as he captured the B Flight championship at the Niles City Golf Tournament at Plym Park Sunday afternoon.

Rasler won the C Flight title in 2023. This year, he outdueled Dan Ditto to earn a second straight city championship.

Rasler shot 170, to edge Ditto by a stroke as he shot 171. Chuck Ditto finished third with a 176.

Frank LaPorte captured the Championship Flight title with a four-stroke victory over Josh Townsley.

LaPorte shot a 147 over the two days of the tournament, which was pushed back a week after flooding due to torrential rains forced postponement of the event. Townsley finished with a 151, which was one shot better tha Jacob VanDyle, who shot 152.

The A Flight championship was decided by a single stroke on Sunday.

Jim Ditto shot 164 to edge Cody Durham, who finished with a 165. Tony Gaideski finished third, two shots back, with a 167.

Mac Gaideski won the C Flight Championship with the largest margin of victory.

Gaideski shot 173 to defeat runner-up Trent Kater, who shot 181, and Jackson Gaideski, who finished with a 182.

On Friday, the City Tournament's Youth Division title was won by Gavin Trexell, who shot 59. Noah Fletcher was second with a 62.

Championship Flight
Frank LaPorte 147
Josh Townsley 151
Jacob VanDyke 152
Larry Larson 153
Nick Horn 160
Scott Majerek 162
John Kessick 165
Bill Gaideski 168
Brett Scott 168
Ryan Head 171
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A Flight
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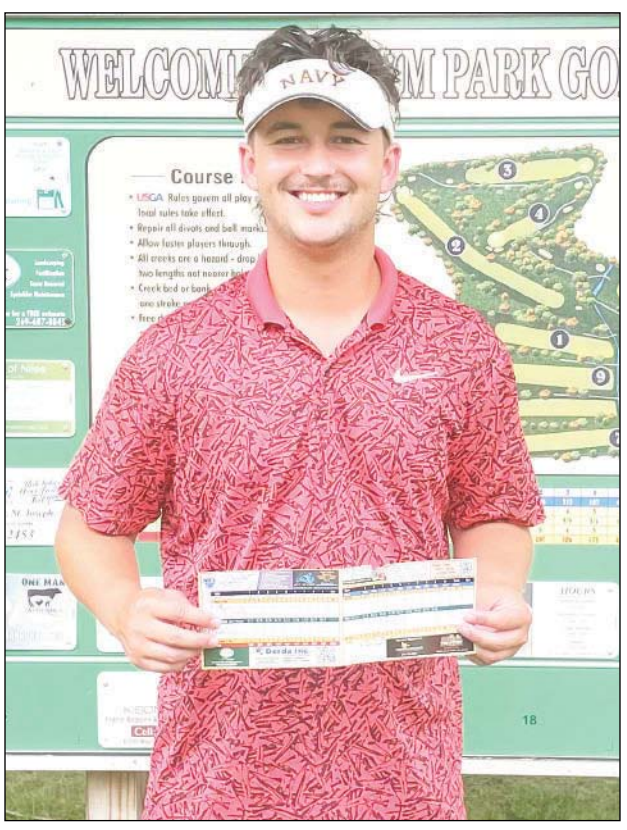
Gavin Trexell (left) won the Youth Division of the Niles City Golf Tournament last Friday at Plym Park Golf Course.



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From top, Brandon Rasler (B Flight), Jim Ditto (A Flight) and Mac Gaideski (C Flight)

CASS COUNTY FAIR

Berrien Springs' Warda wins tractor pull

STAFF REPORT

CASSOPOLIS — The National Tractor Puller's Association roared into the Cass County Fair Tuesday night.

Before a large grandstand crowd, Hammerin Hank, driven by Stan Warda, of Berrien Springs, won the Region II Super Farm Tractors title with a pull of 305.660 feet.

Lee Butt's Press On was second at 304.460 feet and Bill Casey's Totally Exposed finished third with a pull of 304.350 feet.

Edwardsburg's Jason Bentzer on Plastic Money finished sixth with a pull of 303.250, while Niles' Shane T. Masten on Thumpin Pumpkins placed 12th after not recording a pull.

Frank Kruger, of Bailey, Michigan, captured the Region II-West Pro Stock Diesel 4x4 Trucks title with a pull of 326.420 feet.

Nick Stamm, on Frank, placed second with a pull of 325.80-, while Brian C. Shew, on Iron Maiden, was third with a pull of 325.300 feet.

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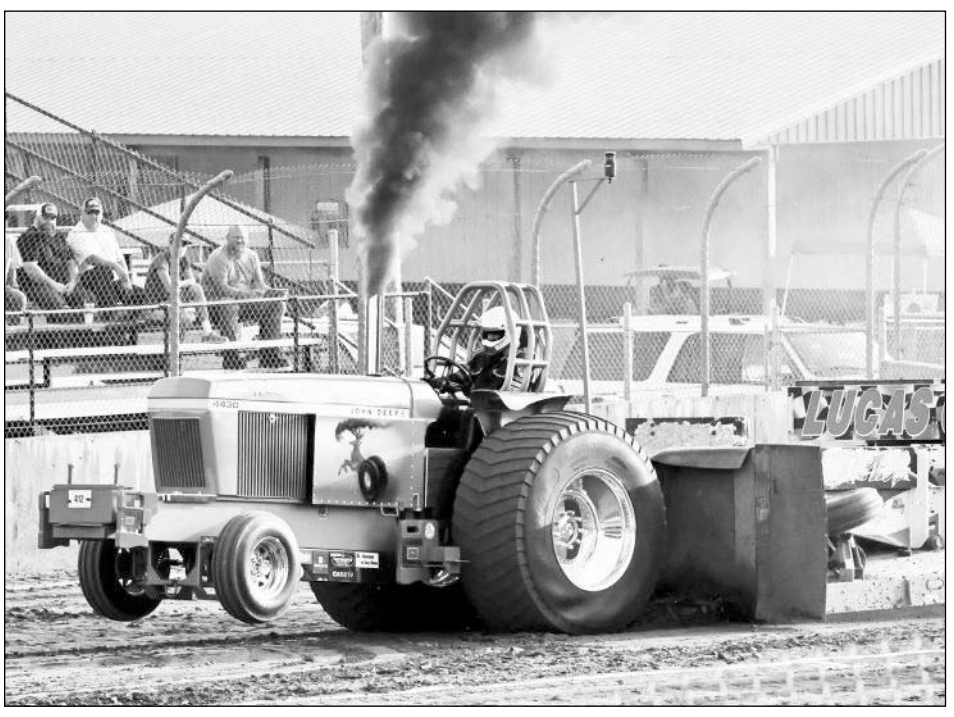
Stan Warda, of Berrien Springs (above), in Hammerin Hank, won the NTPA Region II Super Farm Tractor title at the Cass County Fair Tuesday night.



SuperKickers Rodeo opens up grandstand events

STAFF REPORT

CASSOPOLIS — Bryar Holloway captured first place in bull riding during the Superkickers Rodeo Round Em Up Summer Tour's stop at the Cass County Fair Monday night.

The rodeo kicked off a full week of grandstand events.

Tuesday night the National Tractor Puller's Association hit the dirt with tractor and truck pulls. Wednesday night features the ATV Big Air Tour, while on Thursday, Blammo is live in concert.

The week wraps up with the always popular T-N-T Demolition Derby on Friday, and the Mud Mitten Race Series on Saturday.

All shows are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Holloway finished with 85 points, while Jayson Debaeke was the runner-up with 72 points.

Holloway currently leads the 2024 bull riding standings. standings with 2,856 points. Dabaeke leads the novice standings with 820 points.

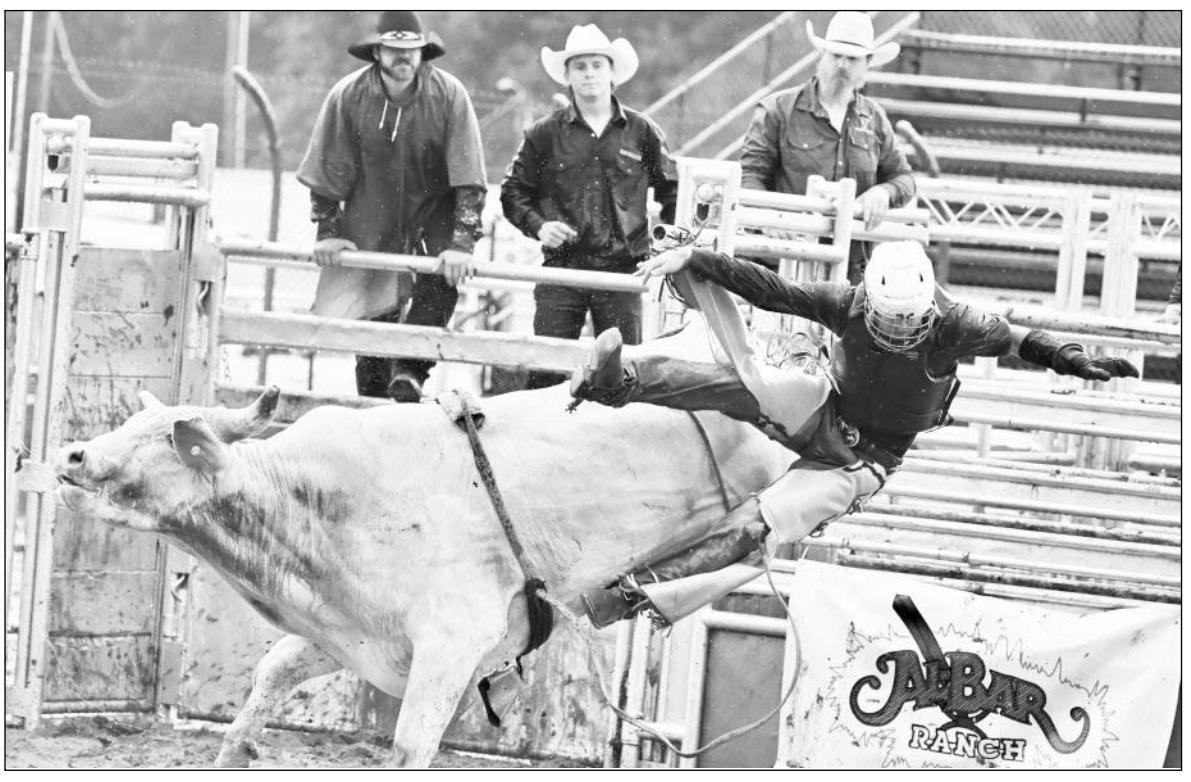
In Cowgirl barrel racing, Bunitta Ouwinga was first with a time of 14.364 and Hope Hulsebos was the runner-up with a time of 14.616.

Nicole Rawlings took third (14.799), Angela Farris fourth (14.918) and Nicole Dubord fifth (15.065).

Ouwinga is currently third in the overall barrel racing standings with 1,395 points.

Cass County Fair
SuperKickers Rodeo Results
Bull Riding
Bryar Holloway 85 point ride...
Jayson Debaeke 72 point ride...

CowGirl Barrel Racing
Bunnita Ouwinga 14.364
Hope Hulsebos 14.616
Nicole Rawlings 14.799
Anglea Farris 14.918
Nicole Dubord 15.065



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Rain could not dampen the spirits of those attending the SuperKickers Rodeo at the Cass County Fair Monday night. Among the events were mutten busting (top), Bull riding (left) and barrel racing. Bryar Holloway took first place in bull riding to maintain his overall lead in the 2024 standings. Bunnita Ouwinga was the winner in the barrel racing event.

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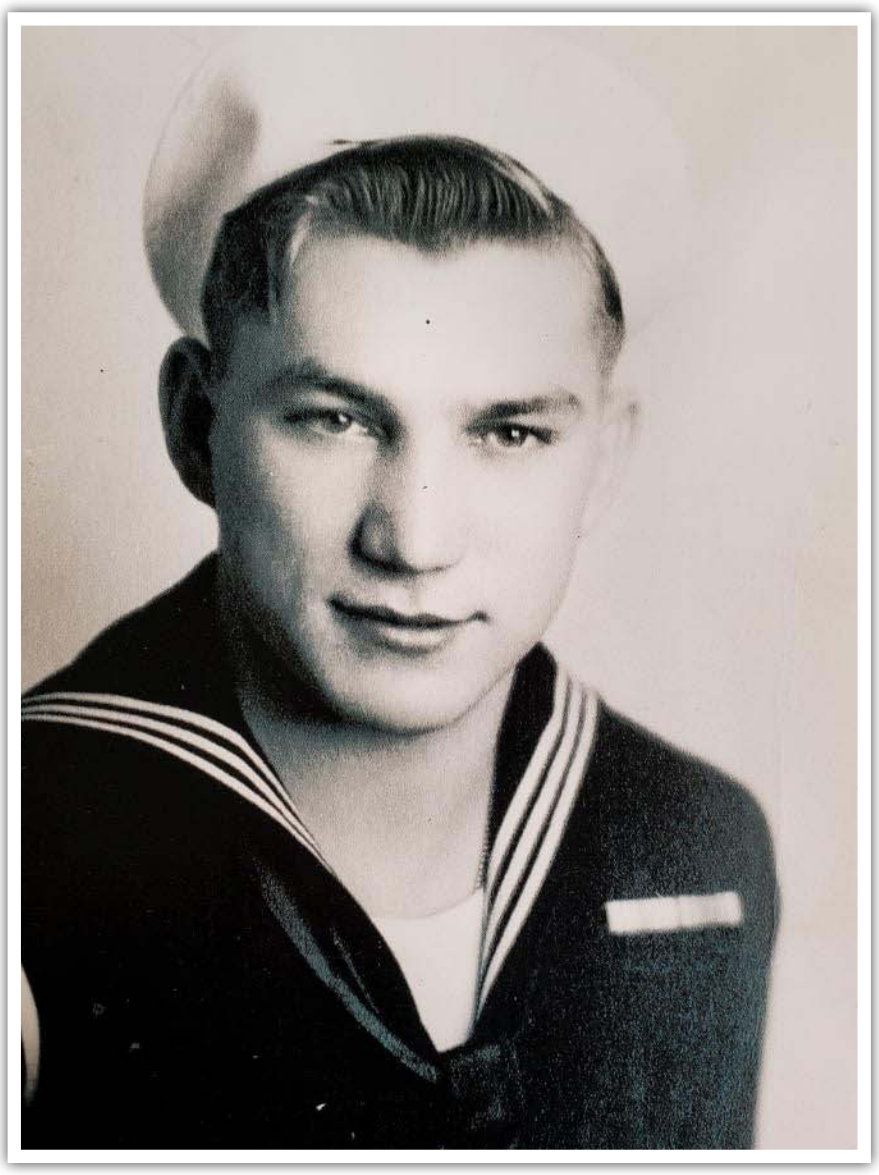

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Oris Richard Aldrich will celebrate his 97th birthday on Aug. 5. He was born Aug. 5, 1927. Aldrich has been married to his wife, Marjorie, for 73 years. Their children are Darleen Davis, Nancee Walter and the late Steven Aldrich. Aldrich graduated from Niles High School in 1947 and is a World War II veteran.

CRUISE

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helped organize the Dowagiac Car Show downtown for 16 years. When the duo passed the organizing to someone else, they discussed planning an open header cruise to raise money for a local charity.

Before plans ever came together, Kazlauskas was diagnosed with cancer and passed away at the age of 60, on Feb. 13, 2016.

Open Header participants gathered at Thomas J. Mosier Waterwell Drilling, 21867 M-60 E., Cassopolis before the police escort led the cruise into downtown Dowagiac, where participants and community members gathered along Main Street.

The event coincided with the Dowagiac Summer Concert Series, which this week featured Touch of Texas performing under the Dowagiac District Library Pavilion. The Dowagiac Fire Department also grilled hot dogs and bratwurst for a donation.

Rohdy thanked the Dowagiac Police Department, Cass County Sheriff's Department, Jim D's Body Shop, Hannapel Home Center, First Choice Bank, Imperial Furniture, NAPA-Ridge Auto Parts, the Village of Cassopolis Police Department and True's Towing and Recovery for supporting the event.

EVENT

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"It's just going to be a big fun event where people can see this movie for the first time if they haven't seen it and we can talk about what that movie means to the band," Flagel said. "We're still in divisive times and you know what that movie means to this band. It's going to be a great live show. People are going to see a great movie with good people at a great venue locally."

For Flagel, being able to collaborate with a band like The Bergamot and a venue like Vickers Theater means a lot.

"The movie and the music is (The Bergamot's) baby and the theater is Zach's baby, but this event itself is my baby and so it's really cool to do that. I am of a similar mindset with the band where we've gotta find a way through these ugly times and find ways to come together even over disagreement. It's important for me to spread messages like this and so to have this event where people will hopefully come and maybe take something positive away from it means a lot."

Flagel's work can be followed at redchuckproductions.com. Feedback can be directed to contact@redchuckproductions.com.

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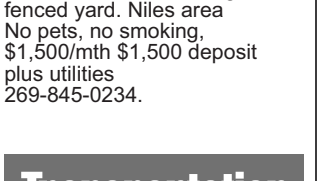

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Niles Daily Star:
Jul. 27 and Aug. 3, 2024
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Niles Daily Star:
Aug. 3, 2024
MEETING

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Mikki Goff Davis
Margaret Michel

1700 Smith Road Facility:
Cody Cattes
Amanda Mead

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Anthony Camp & Samantha Dunnuck

M139 Facility:
Chance Edwards
Deanna Drakopulos

Niles Daily Star:
Aug. 3 and 10, 2024
STORAGE DISPOSAL

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
Berrien COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2024-0542-DE-G

Court address 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085
Court telephone no. 269-983-7111

Estate of James Lee Stover,, Deceased
Date of birth: 03/30/1959
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent James Lee Stover, deceased, died 02/12/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jessica L. Stover, representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

07/25/2024

Jessica L. Stover
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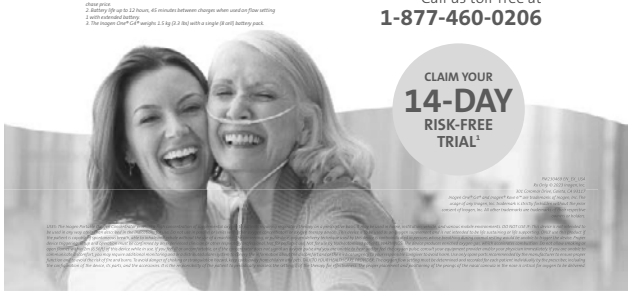
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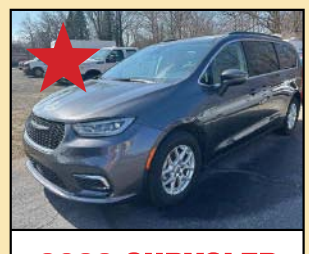

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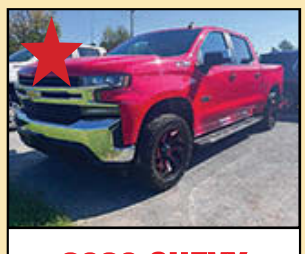

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